THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The official estimation of poverty is done by the Planning Commission, based on the Quinquennial Consumer Expenditure Survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO). The official poverty line is anchored on the per capita monthly expenditure corresponding to per capita daily calorie requirement of 2400 in rural areas and 2100 in urban areas. The poverty line defined in this way covers not only the expenditure on food but also on non-food items such as clothing, housing, health and education and social services. The Government are not contemplating to redefine the poverty line so far as the Ministry of Rural Development is concerned.

Rural Housing Innovative Project of Chhattisgarh

† 2349. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Chhattisgarh has sent rural housing innovative project for approval to the Government of India for clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action so far taken; and

(c) by when approval is likely to be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) The Ministry received proposal from Zila Panchayat (ZP), Durg and ZP, Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh in the year 2003-04 and 2004-05 respectively under the Innovative Stream for Rural Housing and Habitat Development The proposal of ZP, Durg has been rejected as no innovative technology was proposed. The proposal of ZP Mahasamund cannot be considered as the scheme has been discontinued with effect from 1.4.2004.

Swarnjayanti Swarozgar Yojana

2350. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is implementing a scheme called "Swarnjayanti Swarozgar Yojana' for increasing the agricultural

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.